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SUBJECT: RESTRAINTS OF STEEL EXPORTS FROM JAPAN

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1. APPRECIATE TIMELY REPORT ON POSSIBILITY JAPANESE
LIMITATION ON SPECIALTY STEEL EXPORTS TO UK. ARTICLE IN
SEPTEMBER 9 ISSUE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE AND SUBSEQUENT
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ARTICLES OTHER TRADE PRESS REPORTED ON VISIT OF EC

OFFICIALS (MEYNELL AND PETRICK) ACCOMPANIED BY UK STEEL EXPERT TO JAPAN. ARTICLE INDICATES THAT EC DELEGATION CONVINCED GOJ TO RAISE EXPORT PRICES AND LIMIT QUANTITIES OF EXPORT OF STAINLESS STEEL BAR TO UK TO AVOID FORMAL INITIATION OF ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST JAPANESE EXPORTERS. IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING GATT ANTIDUMPING COMMITTEE MEETING WEEK OF OCTOBER 4 ;REF B) DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THIS MATTER. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE FURTHER DETAILS ON LEVELS AND PRICES OF ANY UNDERSTANDING WHICH AS INDICATED IN REF A MIGHT BE SOON AVAILABLE.

2. FOR TOKYO - JAPAN METAL DAILY (SEPTEMBER 9) AND OTHER TRADE PRESS REPORT THAT BIG SIX STEELMAKERS HEADED BY

NIPPON STEEL INTEND TO VOLUNTARILY HOLD BACK THEIR SHIPMENTS OF ROLLED CARBON STEEL TO THE US DURING THE BALANCE OF THIS YEAR TO 4.8 MILLION METRIC TONS AND TOTAL SHIPMENTS OF ALL CARBON STEEL TO 6MMT. SUPPOSITION IS THAT JAPANESE INDUSTRY MAY BE SEEKING TO DEFUSE POTENTIAL ESCAPE CLAUSE PETITIONS FROM US INDUSTRY TO ITC BASED ON POSSIBLE DIVERSIONARY EFFECTS OF JAPAN-EC RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS. APPRECIATE POST CONFIRMATION AND COMMENT ON ANY INDUSTRY HOLD-BACK ON STEEL SHIPMENTS TO US. KISSINGER

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